



Chairperson



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DETROIT BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of the Board of Police Commissioners Meeting Thursday, December 18, 2008

The meeting of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners was held on Thursday, December 18, 2008, 3:00 p.m. at Police Headquarters, 1300 Beaubien Street, Detroit, Michigan 48226.

ATTENDANCE

Board Members Present

Jim Holley
Ronald L. Griffin
Mohamed Okdie **(ABS)**
Erminia Ramirez
Willie Hampton **(ABS)**

Department Personnel Present

AC Ronald Fleming
DC Claudia Barden-Jackson
DC John Clark
Cmdr. Benjamin Lee
Cmdr. Dwayne Love
Lt. Gary Sroka
Lt. Kevin Smith
Sgt. Ulysha Hall
Sgt. Robert Jackson
Sgt. Hilton Kincaid
PO Sophia Nelms
PO Dwight Featherstone

Board Staff Present

Dante' L. Goss, Executive Director
Celia Banks-Washington, Attorney/Supervising Inv.
Arnold Sheard, Chief Investigator
Lawana Ducker, Personnel Director
Lt. Daniel Allen
Leslie J. Griffin, Community Affairs Coordinator
PO Kent Cooper

OTHERS PRESENT

Ron Scott
Edward Moore
Phyllis Hernandez
Alexander Spencer, Jr.

Tijuana Morris
June Lee
Edith Payne

RECORDERS

PO Terence Bell
Robert Brown

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Holley called the meeting of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners to order at 3:13 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- **Thursday, December 18, 2008**

MOTION: Comm. Griffin made the motion to approve the Agenda.

SECOND: Comm. Ramirez seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- **Tuesday, December 11, 2008**

MOTION: Comm. Ramirez made the motion to approve the Minutes.

SECOND: Comm. Griffin seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

4. BOPC OFFICER'S REPORT

1. CHAIRPERSON

2. SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Board of Police Commissioners' Office and the Office of the Chief Investigator will be CLOSED on the following date:

- Wednesday, December 24, and Thursday 25, 2008, in observance of Christmas Holiday

CITIZEN COMPLAINTS RECEIVED



- The Office of the Chief Investigator has a total of 1,245 active investigations, of which 1,131 of those are for 2008.

TOTAL WEEKLY ALLEGATIONS & COMMAND

Total	COMMAND	ALLEGATIONS									Total
CCR	W/E 12/18/08	Arrest	Demeanor	Force	Harassment	Entry	Procedure	Property	Search	Service	Allegations
1	CENTRAL		1								1
2	COMMUNICATIONS		2								2
2	EASTERN						2			1	3
3	NARCOTICS		1	2	1						4
5	NORTHEASTERN		2				3			1	6
7	NORTHWESTERN		5	1			3			2	11
4	SOUTHWESTERN		1	1			2	1		1	6
1	TACTICAL		1				1		1		3
8	Unknown Command		4	3			3			2	12
2	VIOLENT CRIMES		1	2			2		1		6
4	WESTERN						4		1		5
39			18	9	1		20	1	3	7	59

Chairperson Holley stated he would like to schedule a closed session for Tuesday, December 23rd meeting to bring some closure on some pending matters.

5. PRESENTATION/REPORT-CHIEF OF POLICE

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Detroit Police Department

Report to the Board of Police Commissioners



“Building a Safer Detroit Through Community Partnerships”

The Detroit Police Department is committed to uphold its mission to provide a safe environment for our residents and businesses. This effort is not possible without the joint commitment of the community and the Police Department. We appreciate and value the role our citizens have played in helping us to take the guns and drugs off the streets of the city of Detroit.

SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS

Domestic Violence

On December 11th, officers of the Eastern District responded to the 11000 block of Lansdowne on a “Home Invasion.” Subsequent to the investigation conducted by members of Domestic Violence, the subject was arrested and charged with “Home Invasion 1st,” “Felony Assault,” “Larceny from a Person,” “Domestic Violence,” “Habitual 3rd,” and “Malicious Destruction of Personal Property,”

Special Points of Interest:

• Next meeting:

Thursday, December 23, 2008

@ 3:00 P.M.

**Detroit Police Department
1300 Beaubien St. Suite 328
Detroit, Michigan 48226**

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Engaging the Community

Citizens wishing to make a police report may do so at the District stations in the city of Detroit. Citizens may also utilize the following District Mini/Sub-Stations to make reports.

		<u>Location</u>	<u>Hours of Operation</u>	<u>Telephone</u>
		1300 Beaubien	24 Hours	596-5100
		2151 E. Jefferson	24 Hours	596-6400
		7737 Kercheval	2 p.m. to 10 p.m.	628-2121
		19810 Grand River	*10 a.m. to 3 p.m.	870-0649
		13530 Lesure	8 a.m. to 11 p.m.	596-5300
		12000 Livernois	24 Hours	237-2555
		20 Atwater	24 Hours	237-2850
		13206 E. Jefferson	*2 p.m. to 10 p.m.	821-5851
		22101 Moross (St. John Hospital)	*2 p.m. to 10 p.m.	343-7506
		14700 Mack	*2 p.m. to 10 p.m.	852-4046

* Mini-Stations

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Homicide

On December 9th, while on patrol in the area of Puritan and Greenfield, officers of the Northwestern District observed an individual armed with a shotgun and arrested a subject. Subsequent to the investigation conducted by members of Homicide, the subject was arrested and charged with three counts of "Felony Assault," and "Felony Firearm."



Northeastern District

On December 12th, officers of the Northeastern District responded to the 1800 block of East State Fair on a "Person Carjacked." Due to the officers' quick response, a subject was arrested and charged with "Robbery Armed," "Carjacking," and "Motor Vehicle Advisory." A weapon was recovered.



Central District

On December 9th, while on patrol in the area of Ferry Park and 14th street, officers of the Central District initiated a traffic stop. As a result of their investigation, two subjects were arrested and charged with "Possession with Intent to Distribute Narcotics."



Southwestern District

On December 10th, while on patrol in the area of Bassett and Melvin, officers of the Southwestern District initiated a traffic stop. As a result of the officers' investigation, a subject was arrested and charged with "Possession of a Stolen Motor Vehicle."

Chairperson Holley stated the presentation will be rescheduled for a later date.

AC Fleming stated it will be scheduled for the next community meeting in January of 2009.

6. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no standing committee reports.

6. NEW BUSINESS

1. DISCIPLINARY APPEALS

- **PO LEONARD MOORE** **BPC 07-005D**
- **PO JEFFREY MORIN** **BPC 08-002D**

Chairperson Holley stated there is closed door session scheduled for today and the Board will hear oral communication from the audience before going into the closed session.

Atty. Washington stated there are two disciplinary appeals scheduled for today and PO Leonard Moore is scheduled for a closed session with counsel from both sides being present.

She stated in the matter of Disciplinary Appeal **BPC 08-002D, Police Officer Jeffrey Morin**, badge 519, DPOA Attorney Donald Stolberg represented the petitioner; Attorney Grant Ha, City Law Department, represented the Department. The Disciplinary Appeals Committee recommended dismissal of the charge and penalty.

There was no decision for PO Morin, it will be taken under advisement.

8. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

9. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, December 23, 2008
Police Headquarters
1300 Beaubien Rm. 328-A
Detroit, MI 48226

10. ORAL COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE

E. Payne stated she wanted her complaints to be reopened because of the text messages involving that officer.

Chairperson Holley asked is she disagreeing with the finding.

E. Payne stated absolutely.

Chairperson Holley stated so you want it to be reinvestigated.

E. Payne stated yes.

Chairperson Holley stated you need to put that in writing.

E. Payne stated she will once she gets the process on how to do that.

She brought a young man who alleged was beaten by an officer. That case is currently at Internal Affairs.

Chairperson Holley stated this Board needs a formal request so he can forward it to the right person.

E. Payne stated it will be forthcoming within a week.

Chairperson Holley asked the young man if he wanted to speak.

A. Spencer, Jr. stated two Saturdays ago he was assaulted by a Narcotic officer and was left with nerve damages to his hand. He was taken to the District and was released but was charged with disorderly conduct as he made his way to the hospital.

Chairperson Holley asked if he had paperwork from the hospital.

A. Spencer, Jr. stated yes.

Chairperson Holley asked AC Fleming is there an investigation regarding his complaint.

AC Fleming stated yes, there was a call from the Mayor office and it is being investigated. He stated he spoke to the young man last week to let him know that everything was on course.

A. Spencer, Jr. thanked AC Fleming for his immediate response.

Chairperson Holley asked why all of the dialogue.

Comm. Ramirez stated she would like to know why he wasn't conveyed to the hospital and she glad that he is speaking about it.

A. Spencer stated that a lot of citizens go through this everyday.

AC Fleming stated this is the new Detroit Police Department and they are put an end to issues like this.

T. Morris stated to Comm. Griffin question from last week regarding the timeframe for her investigation. She stated it took 18 hours over a week time, and the investigation was given to Exec Dir Goss.

Comm. Griffin stated for the record he asked Ms. Morris to bring all the data to this Board, because the Board wanted to see if cases can be done expeditiously that may help shorten OCI process without due process being violated. He stated maybe Chief Investigator and she could sit down and have a discussion on this.

T. Morris stated in regards to an officer Garrity with Internal Affairs they have been conversations with their attorney prior to the Garrity.

E. Moore stated the reason that he attends these Board meetings', because he has to make a report to Council Kenyetta to let him know the good work the Board is doing.

Chairperson Holley stated a request having been made by Officer Leonard Moore, I move that the Board of Police Commissioners conduct a closed session, pursuant to MCL 15.268(a) of the Open Meetings Act, to review a personnel matter relative to Officer Moore.

MOTION: **Chairperson Holley** made the motion to enter into a closed session.

SECOND: **Comm. Griffin** seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

Chairperson Holley stated the motion having been approved by a majority of the Board members, a closed session will now be convened.

They went into closed session at 3:52pm

They returned from closed session at 4:22pm

MOTION: **Comm. Griffin** made the motion to return from closed session.

SECOND: **Comm. Ramirez** seconded the motion.

VOTE: All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

Comm. Griffin stated the matter has been tabled for it for a later date for consideration.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

DANTE' L. GOSS
Executive Director
Board of Police Commissioners

DLG/rb